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OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01/29/1999
- ☐ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
- A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 30 days month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- Disposition of Claims**
- ☒ Claim(s) 26-46 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☒ Claim(s) 26-46 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

1. This application is a divisional application of 08/942,729 which is a continuation application of 08/281,355.

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 in application 08/281,355:

- I. Claims 26-31, drawn to object oriented and data format, classified in class 707, subclass 104.
- II. Claims 32, drawn to different mode of operations in an apparatus, classified in class 710, subclass 14.
- III. Claims 33, drawn to monitor activity of an apparatus and automatically activate a program, classified in class 710, subclass 18.
- IV. Claims 34-46, drawn to update connect/disconnect status, classified in class 710, subclass 19.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions Group I, Group II, Group III, and Group IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention Group I has separate utility such as using object-oriented technique and specifying data format for communicating between devices, Group II has separate utility such as different mode of operations in a device, Group III has separate

utility such as automatically activating a program if a certain condition is met, and Group IV has separate utility such as updating connect/disconnect status. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

4. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

a. These inventions have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification

b. The search required for one Group is not required for the other Groups

For the reasons above restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. A telephone call was made to Mr. John J. Morrente on 12/08/2000 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached at (703) 305-4815.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive,
Arlington. VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Le Hien Luu', written over a horizontal line.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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